



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 26,700 in Washington.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 11,200 in Washington.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Washington: 196.7 **National:** 202.3

Washington ranks 33rd highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,500 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Washington.
- 3,200 men and women will die of lung cancer in Washington.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Washington	National
Overall	56.9	56.8
White	58.1	56.7
Black	66.8	66.4
Hispanic	21.3	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	26.7	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	49.0	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,800 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Washington.
- 700 women will die of breast cancer in Washington.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Washington	National
Overall	25.8	27.7
White	26.0	27.2
Black	38.6	35.9
Hispanic	16.1	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.6	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	28.2	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,700 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Washington.
- 1,000 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Washington.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Washington	National
Overall	18.8	21.2
White	18.9	20.7
Black	25.3	28.5
Hispanic	13.4	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.3	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	20.8	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Washington.
- 500 men will die of prostate cancer in Washington.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Washington	National
Overall	29.8	32.9
White	29.8	30.2
Black	66.2	73.0
Hispanic	15.5	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	15.7	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Washington death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.